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For : VACUUM DEVICE, OPERATION
METHOD FOR VACUUM DEVICE,
EXPOSURE SYSTEM, AND
OPERATION METHOD FOR
EXPOSURE SYSTEM

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of the paper

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